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- in the -

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK

A N N U A L      R E P O R T

- of the -

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

- including the -

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

- for the year -

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Sudbury Borough Council

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Services for the year, 1970.

I am grateful to the Mayor, Councillor Miss M.E.Head and Members of the Council, Councillor P.R.McQuhae, the Chairman, and to the Drainage and Health Committee for their courtesy to me during this year.

I wish to thank also Mr.G.C.Mountstephen, the Town Clerk, Mr.A.J.Gould, the Public Health Inspector, and all other officers of the Council for their help to me.

Your obedient servant,

*Edward Linnear*

Medical Officer of Health



MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Councillor Miss M.E.Head (Mayor)  
Councillor P.R.McQuhae (Chairman)  
Alderman S.W.Wood  
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Councillor H.B.Eady  
Councillor W.C.Frankham  
Councillor J.W.White  
Councillor Mrs.R.C.M.Playford  
Councillor R.Moulton

STAFF

Dr.E.Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health  
(This officer does not engage in private practice but holds  
in addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health - Hadleigh U.D.C., Melford R.D.C.,  
Cosford R.D.C., Thedwastre R.D.C. Assistant County Medical  
Officer, School Medical Officer, West Suffolk County Council.)

Mr. A.J.Gould, A.M.I.P.H.E., M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector.

Mrs.A.French, Clerical Assistant and Typist

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## GENERAL STATISTICS

(Figures in brackets throughout the report relate to the year 1969)

<u>Population</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Registrar-General's Estimate	7,960	8,000
Rateable Value as at 1st April	£308,302	£299,847
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	1,230	1,214
Area, in acres	1,834	1,834

## VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	118 (139)	58 (75)	60 (64)
Illegitimate	<u>13 ( 6)</u>	<u>8 (3)</u>	<u>5 ( 3)</u>
	<u>131 (145)</u>	<u>66 (78)</u>	<u>65 (67)</u>

Adjusted Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimate population 18.2 (19.9)  
(Area Comparability Factor 1.10)

England and Wales Birth Rate per 1,000 estimate population 16.0 (16.3)

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Illegitimate	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>
	<u>- (1)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>-</u>

Deaths registered in 1970

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
178 (143)	72 (65)	106 (78)

Death Rate (adjusted) per 1,000 population 12.5 (11.3)  
(Area Comparability Factor 0.56)

England and Wales, Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 11.7 (11.9)

Number of Women dying in or in consequence of childbirth Nil (Nil)

<u>Infant Mortality</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths of Infants under one year			
Legitimate	- (4)	- (2)	- (2)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	<u>- (4)</u>	<u>- (2)</u>	<u>- (2)</u>

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births Nil (28.0)

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 18.0 (18.0)



# CAUSE OF DEATH DURING 1970

( Registrar-General's Figures )

<u>ALL CAUSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
	178	72	106
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	4	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	4	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	4	-	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	3	3	-
Other malignant neoplasms	7	2	5
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	-	1
Diabetes mellitus	2	-	2
Other endocrine, etc. diseases	1	1	-
Mental disorders	1	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	-	1
Hypertensive disease	3	2	1
Ischaemic heart disease	37	18	19
Other forms of heart disease	5	4	1
Cerebrovascular disease	73	21	52
Other diseases of circulatory system	5	1	4
Influenza	3	2	1
Pneumonia	5	1	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	3	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Peptic ulcer	1	1	-
Cirrhosis of liver	1	1	-
Other diseases of digestive system	1	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-	1
Congenital anomalies	1	1	-
All other accidents	2	2	-

PREVENTION OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

<u>Diseases</u>	Cases notified		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Notifications received	47	16	31
Scarlet Fever	14	8	6
Measles	17	7	10
Infective jaundice	3	1	2
Whooping cough	13	-	13

Tuberculosis

No new cases were notified during 1970

Diphtheria

One man, who was living in a residential colony for the mentally-handicapped in Essex, died from diphtheria. Family contacts in Sudbury were tested and were negative for diphtheria.

### INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town.

A Clinic is held weekly at the Health Clinic, Acton Lane, on Tuesday at 2p.m. Welfare foods are also distributed from this centre.

Two Health Visitors attend. A Medical Officer also attends on two sessions in the month.

### LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory, Woodbridge Road, East, Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr.P.K.Fraser, is always generous with advice and services.

Lincolne, Sutton and Wood Limited, Norwich, provide analytical reports on water and foods.

## HOSPITALS

### St. Leonards

General practitioner staffed hospital, with visiting consultants and Out-Patients clinics, maternity, general medical, minor surgical, some geriatric patients.

### Walnuttree

The majority of these beds are geriatric. There is a physiotherapy department with some specialised equipment. Psychiatric and opthalmic Out-Patients clinics are held. One of the County Welfare Officers for the area is also in attendance when pyschiatric clinics are held.

Family Planning Clinics are held in Out-Patients Department of Walnuttree Hospital.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A. J. GOULD, A.M.I.P.H.E., M.A.P.H.I.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Sudbury Borough Council

I submit for your consideration my report for the year ended  
31st December, 1970.

The work carried out during the year has been very similar to that  
done in previous years. There has been more emphasis on routine inspection  
of food premises, and on dealing with noise nuisances.

Slum clearance has continued with action against individual unfit  
houses, and included the declaration of the Inkerman Row Clearance Area.  
Simultaneously, there has again been an increase in the number of houses  
repaired and improved, with and without grant aid.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members for  
the interest they have shown in the work of the Public Health Department  
during the year. I would also like to thank Dr.E.Kinnear and the other  
Officers of the Council for their continued co-operation and support  
and Mrs.A.French who has also helped in every possible way during the  
preceeding year.

A. J. GOULD

Public Health Inspector



## H O U S I N G

### HOUSING

#### New Houses - Council

During 1970, 164 dwellings on Springlands Estate were completed and preliminary work was in hand for development at the rear of Cats Lane comprising 41 units in three blocks.

Contracts have been awarded for 386 houses, the first and second phases of the Springlands Estate at Gallows Hill. Roads and sewers for the first and second stages are complete.

#### New Houses - Private

The progress of private building was higher than the previous year with an extra 26 private houses completed.

#### Old Houses

Progress in dealing with sub-standard housing during the year is listed.

<u>Type of Action</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Total since 1955</u>
<u>CLEARANCES AREAS</u>		
Number of Clearance Areas declared	1	18
Total number of properties involved	19	245
Properties excluded from orders	-	6

#### DEMOLITION ORDERS

Properties demolished under Demolition Orders	-	9
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## TIME AND PLACE MEETINGS

A number of properties were considered at Time and Place Meetings during the year with the following results.

CLOSING ORDERS MADE - 7 properties. Undertakings accepted to make property fit - 1 property

CLOSING ORDERS DETERMINED - 3 properties

## REHOUSING

The chart below shows the fairly rapid increase of housing work being undertaken by the Borough.

From 1965 to 1969 the average number of families rehoused per year was 39, and the average number of people rehoused was 106.

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Number of families rehoused	19	69	77	25	26	20
Number of New Applications for Rehousing Received	60	81	118	90	64	79
Number of persons rehoused	48	170	187	67	110	55

The Council have now built 696 dwellings plus 164 on the Springlands Estate which have been taken over during 1970, and own various miscellaneous properties which are used for rehousing. In addition 185 garages have been provided by the Council.

## GENERAL

During the year seventeen informal notices were served and all properties were repaired following these informal notices.

Many other minor repairs were attended to after an informal visit or telephone call to the owner.

At the end of 1970 the number of applicants on the Council's Housing List was 220.

Numerous reports and visits were made on the accommodation occupied by applicants.

## CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

No certificates were issued during the year.

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Progress continued with housing improvements during 1970. A much larger amount was paid under discretionary grants and standard grant payments continued at the same rate.

Many more applications for discretionary grants were being received particularly towards the end of 1970 and the works being put forward for grant aid were of a wider range than previously. This is no doubt because of the increased assistance available under the Housing Act, 1969.



STANDARD GRANTS

Year	No. of Applications	No. Completed	Grants Paid
1959	4		£ . p
1960	7	8	796.31
1961	11	4	560.00
1962	16	13	1,551.25
1963	16	9	1,208.07
1964	7	12	1,597.38
1965	10	4	498.18
1966	9	10	1,458.34
1967	16	9	1,357.97
1968	39	24	5,107.97
1969	19	25	6,223.05
1970	28	25	5,583.00
			<u>£25,941.52</u>

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Year	No. of Applications	No. Completed	Grants Paid
1959	22	8	1,618.71
1960	10	12	2,247.23
1961	10	9	1,948.29
1962	10	12	2,357.72
1963	5	7	1,443.00
1964	6	3	746.99
1965	1	2	648.50
1966	2	1	197.51
1967	-	2	493.97
1968	4	4	1,374.00
1969	5	1	200.00
1970	14	5	2,895.00
			<u>£16,170.92</u>

# ANNUAL POST WAR DEVELOPMENT RATE

The following are the post war housing development figures for the years 1947 to 1970.

Year	Council Houses	Private Dwellings	Total	Year	Council Houses	Private Dwellings	Total
1947	24	6	30	1959	302	152	454
1948	27	12	39	1960	26	11	37
1949	30	2	32	1961	50	14	64
1950	26	8	34	1962	22	27	49
1951	18	5	23	1963	10	58	68
1952	30	6	36	1964	36	41	77
1953	29	14	43	1965	42	109	151
1954	62	18	80	1966	-	88	88
1955	10	20	30	1967	68	51	119
1956	-	28	28	1968	12	90	102
1957	46	11	57	1969	-	38	38
1958	-	22	22	1970	-	64	64
					*164	90	254
Total	302	152	454	Total	732	835	1565

\* These were all on Springlands Estate

## HOUSE INSPECTIONS

The following visits for inspection or re-inspection have been made:-

Improvement Grants	210
Individual Unfit	51
Clearance	12
Rent Act	2
Other	106

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The weekly collection of domestic refuse continued during the year. The use of plastic refuse disposal bags increased steadily and has assisted in providing greater efficiency of the service.

The refuse disposal tip has not caused any serious nuisances and the daily covering of the waste was executed satisfactorily.

### SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The water reclamation works continued to operate satisfactorily and samples taken generally gave satisfactory results, particularly after desludging had taken place.

### SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool was open from May to September.

Routine residual chlorine and ph tests are made at the pool and samples taken and sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Ipswich. No adverse results were obtained and the water was assumed to be of a satisfactory degree of purity.

## WATER SUPPLY

The supply of water during the year was adequate. Frequent samples gave uniformly satisfactory results. The water is supplied by the West Suffolk Water Board and the character of the water is still very hard, with a very high figure for both temporary and permanent hardness.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Public Conveniences in Burkitts Lane have been in use throughout the year.

A certain amount of vandalism persisted throughout the year and constant effort was needed by the Borough Surveyor's Department to keep clean and usable the facilities provided and to minimise the damage being done.

The Public Conveniences in Gaol Lane were closed but those at the rear of the swimming pool in Belle Vue Gardens are still in use.

## DISINFESTATION

Disinfestation by spraying of six premises was carried out during the year.

## WASPS NESTS

During the year 142 wasps nests were destroyed by the Rodent Operator.

## PRIVATE DWELLINGS - RODENT CONTROL

On receipt of complaint of infestation, premises are visited and treatment given free of charge.

## BUSINESS PREMISES - RODENT CONTROL

Business premises are tested under agreement when found to be infested and all treatments are charged to the occupier.

## AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES - RODENT CONTROL

All agricultural properties were surveyed periodically and treatment carried out where necessary; charges on a time and material basis.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.



## INSPECTIONS

The following visits for inspections or re-inspections under various Acts have been made:-

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Dwelling Houses	120
Offensive Accumulations	-
Dust and Effluvia	1
Ditches and Watercourses	5
Tents, Vans and Sheds	1
Drains and Sewers	106
Closets	10
Dustbins	5
Inns, Restaurants, Cinemas	110
Verminous Premises	4
Infectious Diseases	4
Petroleum Licences	80
Water Supply	4
Swimming Pool	7
Noise	141
Sewage Works	2
Home Safety	-
Refuse Tips	16
Cattle Market	32
Public Conveniences	4
Explosives	21

### CLEAN AIR ACTS

Industrial Premises	2
Domestic Premises	-
Miscellaneous	-

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951 2

CARAVAN SITES ACT 1960 2

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Rodents - Domestic Premises 28

Rodents - Business Premises 21

Rodents - Farms -

Insects 72

Miscellaneous 4

F O O D

FOOD CONTROL

Inspection of food premises continued. Many small improvements were carried out after informal notice. These contribute in time to a general small improvement in standards at all shops. Some improvements were major in character and it is hoped to continue emphasis on few unsatisfactory food premises.

UNSOUND FOOD

A large amount of food was found to be unfit. This is probably due to the increase in large food shops.

The following foodstuffs were examined at wholesale and retail food shops and certificates given when they were voluntarily surrendered.

1890 Tins                      3224 Packets                      186 Jars

GENERAL FOOD

521lbs Sugar

2 boxes Prunes

4 loaves of Bread

106lbs Beef

### ICE CREAM

Thirty-seven premises were registered for the sale of ice cream. Ice cream sold at these premises was one of the nationally-known products,

Nearly all the ice-cream is pre-wrapped.

### PRESERVED FOODS

Seventeen premises were registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods.

### MILK AND DAIRIES

The licensing of dealers in Sudbury is the responsibility of the West Suffolk County Council.

At present there are five registered distributors and six shop dealers in milk. These hold between them, one licence to deal in untreated milk, eight pasteurised and eleven sterilised licenses.

Sampling of the milk was carried out by the Weights and Measures Department of the County Council on behalf of the Health Department. Copies of sample reports received indicated that these were satisfactory.

### RODENT CONTROL

The rat population increased here, as throughout the country. Regular routine surveys are carried out by the Rodent Operator and all complaints are promptly dealt with.

## FOOD AND DRUGS

### FOOD PREMISES

The total number of premises in the Borough concerned with the manufacture preparation, storage or sale of food, is 108.

These can be classified as follows:-

Cakes and Restaurants	7
Bakehouses	3
Cake Shops	4
Confectioners	16
Greengrocers	4
Grocers and General Stores	26
Butchers	7
Fishmongers	3
Public Houses	18
Hotels	5
Guest Houses	1
Wine Merchants	3
Clubs	3
Supermarkets	4
Wholesalers	4

In addition to the above, markets are held on the Market Hill. A fishmonger, grocer, greengrocers and confectioners attend regularly on Thursdays and Saturdays.



## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following visits for inspection or re-inspection were made:-

Hygiene Regulations/Byelaws - Shops	186
Hygiene Regulations/Byelaws - Stalls and Vehicles	104
Hygiene Regulations/Byelaws Personal Hygiene	36
Ice Cream Premises	10
Food Inspection - Other	74

## SHOP ACT

Inspection of shop premises during the year indicated that in the main the basic requirements of the Shops Act were met.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

At the end of the year there were registered:-

Offices	58
Retail Shops	132
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	9
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	11
Fuel storage depots	4

Many visits were made to these premises to ensure that the provisions of the Act were enforced and after service of informal notices many defects were remedied.

The following visits were made under the above Act - 340

It is felt that many smaller premises are not registering under this Act and in the future it is hoped to conduct a survey of unregistered premises so as to complete registration.

# F A C T O R I E S     A C T

Details of the inspection under the Factories Acts are recorded below.

The number of factories on the register totalled 68

## 1. Inspections for Purpose of Provisions as to Health (including inspections by the Public Health Inspector)

	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities.	3	2	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	60	15	4	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	5	2	-	-
TOTAL	68	19	4	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found - 4

Outwork                      -                      Sections 133 and 134

Section 133				Section 134		
Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole some premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel	17	1	-	-	-	-
Making etc cleaning and washing	1	-	-	-	-	-
Curtain and furniture hangings	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	19	1	-	-	-	-

